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ABOUT JEFFERSON DAVIS

The anniversary of the birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, was made a legal holiday in Florida in 1891, and thereafter made a holiday by some eight or nine other states. However, today this anniversary is not observed as widely as it once was.

It is of interest to all Americans, in all sections, however, to recall some of the events and circumstances of the life of Jefferson Davis, who so profoundly affected the lives of all those in the United States in his day. Davis was born in Kentucky, migrated to Georgia, and then his family moved to Mississippi. At the age of seven Jefferson rode many hundred miles to enroll as a student in the Roman Catholic Seminary in Washington County, Kentucky. For a while he wanted to join the church, but remained a Baptist.

At the age of sixteen his Congressman appointed him to the U. S. Military Academy, and he graduated in 1828, a year ahead of Robert E. Lee. He spent seven years in Army posts in Wisconsin, Illinois, and fought in the Black Hawk war, in which Abraham Lincoln was an officer of a volunteer group.

He married Colonel Zackary Tayor's daughter, against her father's wishes, in 1835. Returning to Mississippi proved unhealthy for his wife, and she died within three months of the marriage.

For ten years thereafter Jefferson Davis worked on his plantation in Mississippi and then married again, in 1845, his second wife having been Varina Howell. In 1845 he was sent to Congress, from which he resigned in 1846 to accept command of a regiment under General Taylor, going into action in the Mexican war. His military record was outstanding, but he withdrew from the Army in 1847 and Mississippi sent him to the U. S. Senate. He resigned from the Senate in 1851 to run for governor, and was defeated.

Franklin Pearce, however, made hi mSecretary of War in 1853, and at the end of this term he was again sent to Senate by Mississippi. He resigned for a second time in 1861, when the Southern states seceded.

Mississippi made him the commander of its troops, he was elected President of the new Confederacy, and inaugurated at Montgomery, Alabama, in February of 1861. He was formally elected in October of that year, and inaugurated February 22nd, 1862. As did Lincoln, he was to have trouble with his generals, being blamed for too much interference, throughout the war.

He was captured on May 10th, 1865 by Federal cavalry at Irwinville, Georgia, and imprisoned at Fortress Monroe for two years. Financially ruined, he was released in 1867 and a friend of his wife's bequeathed him an estate on the Gulf of Mexico, where he spent the remaining twenty-two years of his life, dying in 1889.

Few Americans, indeed, had more eventful lives nor went through such critical times in greater posts of honor.

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JUNE

There is all of beauty in these few things —
A new-born child — and a new-born moon—
A tree — a bud in the flush of spring —
A ship at sea — and a bride in June —
Ivy and bittersweet in fall —

But the bride is the loveliest of all!

—Anne Mary Lawler.

Historically speaking, there are many months more important to Americans than June. For Southerners, it is remembered as the anniversary month of the birth of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, who was born in Todd County, Ky., on June 3, 1808. It is also remembered as the month of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, which was fought on June 17, 1775. West Virginia was admitted into the Union, officially, on June 20, 1863.

The Custer massacre occurred on June 25, 1876, on the Little Big Horn river, in Montana. In World War I, the first U. S. troops to land in France did so on June 26,1917.

One of the fateful events in history took place in June, occurred at Sarajevo, in Bosnia, when the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated. He was heir to the throne of Austro-Hungary, and this event ignited World War I, with all its death and destruction.

Also in June, comes Fathers' Day, which was first observed, as a national event, on the same day, on June 17, 1934. After the month of June is over, we have lived out half of 1958. And the sun has started southward again. On June 21, the sun moves to a point as far north from the Equator as it ever goes, and seems to stand still before moving south again. It is the summer "Solstice."

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LATEST ON FARM PICTURE

Some confusing reports and developments have occurred in the field of farm policy, and farm economy, in recent weeks and months. For one thing, farm prices have risen, and this has given rise to certain conflicting reports.

Supporters of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson are jubilant over the rise in farm prices and say this is a vindication of his farm policies, which have resulted in steadily worsening conditions on U. S. farms for five yars up until now.

It cannot be denied that farm prices have risen, and if they continue to rise at a pace comparable to that of recent weeks, it may well be that the increase will be much higher than the increase in cost and that farmers will, as a result, be better off.

On the other hand, there are those who say that the rise in farm prices is mainly a result of unusually severe weather conditions, and the resulting shortage in many fields, and that it is political demagoguery to attempt to take credit for Nature's acts.

We think that it will take several months, perhaps another six months, to see whether the rise in farm prices is a result of the weather or a change in the direction in the movement of the farm economy. It is not likely, in our opinion, that Secretary Benson will be a trump card in the political hand this fall at election time.

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The individual who expects the world to conform to his or her ideas is doomed to disappointment.

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When an individual offers you something for nothing, it is time to remember that the price is too high.

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You can help yourself to safety by obeying traffic regulations without waiting for a speed-cop to catch you.

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An absolutely honest life is probably the best testimony that an individual can offer to prove his religious beliefs.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 34:9-12; Joshua 1; Devotional Reading: Psalm 1.

New Leader

Lesson for June 1, 1958

AS LONG as human beings exist in any group, even if the race is nearly wiped out by war or other catastrophe, there will be need of leaders. People will get together. For good and for ill, men operate in groups. These may be immense and elaborate groups like the modern nation; they may be tiny groups like a bird - watchers' club in a small school. They may be highly organized, with enormous buildings devoted to the secretariat alone (such as the United Nations), or they may be informal, like a few boys going out hunting. Whatever the group, it will have, and it will need, leaders. The ancient Hebrews as they entered Canaan were no exception to the rule. God has been leading them, but through a very brilliant and brave man. Now this man is at the point of death. He knows that unless a new leader takes over, all the work he has done will come to nothing.

Dr. Foreman

We Need to Go On

The story of Moses and Joshua, only a small part of which emerges in the Scripture material this week, illustrates many points about a change-over in leadership. It was a crucial, a doubtful, time. Canaan had been reached, not entered, still less won. A slip-up in the new arrangements might be fatal. But the change was made, and it turned out enormously successful. From many thoughts which it suggests we may select three. First, if the old leader has been really good, then he has achieved much that we do not want to let go. If he was good, we don't want to start off in the opposite direction from where he was taking us. However new and different the new leader may be, we whom he is going to lead want him to pick up the old leader's work and carry it on, not smash it all to pieces or let it slowly decay. The problem for every fresh leader is: How can I carry on my predecessor's work and ideals, without being a rubber-stamp duplicate of him?

New and Old Are Never Alike

A college was for some time without a President. The committee appointed to find a new one was working very slowly, too slowly, some thought. But the committee knew what they were doing. "Any President we get," said one of them, "is bound to be different from the last one. It won't hurt the college to do without a President for a while, so that the new man, whoever he is, won't come as quite such a shock." This is true of churches, nations, organizations of all kinds. The new preacher isn't like the old one, the new president isn't like the old one. No doubt there were people in Israel who, when Moses appointed Joshua, complained about it. The two men were different at almost every point. Readers of the Old Testament may find it an interesting study in character: In what ways were Moses and Joshua different? God broke the mold when he made Moses, he always breaks the mold when he makes man. There was only one Moses, one Joshua, one David. There was only one George Washington, one Lincoln, one Robert E. Lee. Wanting Leader Number Two to be just like Number One is as useless as wanting one man to live forever.

Leadership Calls For Character

Nevertheless, there are certain qualities of character which all leaders have. We are thinking of God's leaders especially, men who (in the church or out of it) are in harmony with God; not those leaders who are anti-social, giving all they have not for or to, but against, mankind. Moses and Joshua illustrate three very important characteristics of all good leaders, and the investigative reader can discover more. One is firmness of purpose. When either Moses or Joshua set out to do something, he did it, spite of hail and high water. Having set their course, they kept a firm hand on the wheel. They did not lose sight of the North Star. A second quality shown by these leaders was courage. They dared the unknown, the untried. They summoned their followers to tasks which seemed impossible; but their people knew that these leaders would not ask others to do what they would not do themselves. They were not afraid of what threw weaker men into fits of fear. Most important, and most obvious, was their faith.

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THE UNKNOWN HERO

By: C. C. Elliotte
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With song and verse the gallantry
Of heroes has been told;
Deeds of valor in the past
Their pictures do unfold.
Lives of great men are recorded
On history's molding page;
The image of the stately heads
By a sculptor's hand is staid.

No recognition for the one
Without thought of earthly praise,
He fought when all around seemed lost
In the smoke of the battle's haze.
On no vaulted bier did he lie,
No epitaph to praise
The valiant acts which he did
Are silent in his grave.

No martial music or parade
For the way he did perform,
No eulogistic discourse made,
No casket was adorned.
He sleeps where the battle raged,
In a trench beside his gun,
His grave unmarked, his name unknown,
His record yet unsung.

No loving hands will wreathe his grave,
No comrades there will come
To pay honor to this unknown lad
For the deeds which he has done.
The vines and brush that shroud his grave,
Where sleeps this hero dear,
Drape their foliage in respect,
And shed the dew as tears.

Washington Notes

Secret Service Acts

A ring that allegedly passed thousands of dollars in fake bills in fourteen states has been broken up by the Secret Service.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman announced recently that thirteen persons had been arrested and that more arrests were expected. He said the investigation began last November when bogus money appeared in Indianapolis.

Baughman said about $23,000 in counterfeit $10, $20 and $50 bills have been passed and that Secret Service agents have seized about $185,000 in fake currency.

Mexican Labor Hearing Held

A House Agriculture subcommittee will conduct a three-day hearing, beginning June 2, on bills to extend the Mexican farm labor program. The authority to import Mexicans for farm work in the United States will expire June 30, 1959, unless it is extended by Congress.

Farm Prices

Seven important farm products supported by the Government brought producers average prices for 1957 production higher than the support rates. Seven others were lower.

Prices above support levels were major types of tobacco, rice, oats, cottonseed, flaxseed, dry beans and cotton. Those that brought prices below the support levels were wheat, rye, corn, barley, grain, sorghum, and peanuts. Soybeans netted prices the same as the support level.

On a percentage basis, burley tobacco brought the biggest margin over its support.

Excise Tax Cut Favored

Sentiment appears to be solidifying in Congress against any general tax reduction and in favor of cuts in some excise levies.

Key senators said they believe excise reductions would give a greater stimulus to the economy than action to lower income taxes.

Deficit in '59 Predicted

Maurice Stans, budget director, forecast a 1959 budget deficit of $8 or $9 billions. He said that this calls for a critical look at anti-recession programs that would entail more spending.

Herbicides Rarely Poison Stock

Herbicides have rarely been known to poison livestock despite claims to the contrary, but some precautions are in order.

Allen Kates, weed control specialist at VPI, says the fact that herbicides are used to kill foliage makes the treated plants less tasty to livestock. The only danger is when the animals eat freshly treated plants. This can be avoided by removing livestock from treated areas for one to two weeks at the most. The large dosages of herbicides needed to poison animals also limits the dangers of their use.

Joint chiefs urge big rise in plutonium output.

Steel output in April approached 12-year low.

U. S. rushing arms to Lebanon to maintain security.

Truman warns that U. S. fails to reach potential.

COMMENT ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

Washington:- As we predicted in this column two weeks ago, the New York Yankees are almost gone, and if not headed in the next four weeks, the American League pennant race will be over—except for the shouting and second place laurels.

New York's pitching has been too much for the opposition, especially in the east, where the first five weeks of the season included only one rain-interrupted tour by the western clubs. In the west the Yankees may not have it as easy, and developments on their current swing may be the clue to the eventual outcome in the junior loop.

Milwaukee hasn't opened up the gap the Yankees have, but are impressively strong, and, what with the Cardinals' miserable start, threatened to run away. This is less likely in the National League, however, and the Redbirds have lifted themselves from the depths of depression to become a ball club again —having taken ten of eleven in one stretch, to climb back into the ring.

In the senior major loop, the Giants may not be able to hold on, and teams like the Cubs and the Pirates can't be certain of staying up there. The Cubs have shown signs of weakening already. Brooklyn (LA) is surprisingly weak thus far. Cincinnati and Philadelphia are likely to be heard from—for they both have potential.

Scans '58 Spending

New York.- American consumers will spend as much on goods and services this year as they did in 1957, a top economist has said. But, he added, with prices up and incomes down, some may have to draw money out of the bank to maintain their accustomed living standards.

This is the viewpoint of Ira T. Ellis, economist for E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., in a talk prepared for the forty-second annual meeting of the National Industrial Conference Board.

New York Yankees take commanding lead in the American League.

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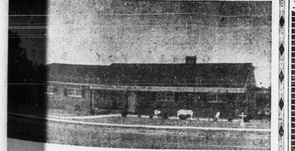

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Rocks

Rocks, May 26.- Farmers are busy baling hay and fixing up tobacco land.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Childress were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell at Pamplin last Monday night awhile.

Only a few present for the Training Union officers and leaders meeting at Elon church at Pamplin last Monday night. Won't you help us get our attendance up at these meetings?

The attendance was very good at our various meetings on last Tuesday night.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. D. R. Inge is improving.

Samuel Dickerson had the measles last week.

Quite a few from here attended Mrs. Robert Harris' musical program at Pamplin school last Friday night.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson went with her sister, Mrs. Etta Orange, to preaching at Evergreen Methodist Church last Sunday night.

Quite a few were out last night to hear Rev. O. C. Willis, of Berkley, W. Va., who preached a sermon here.

Mrs. Glenn McIntosh, of Evergreen and Teresa were visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach awhile Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Ramsey at Pamplin awhile one Sunday afternoon recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dickerson, of Lynchburg were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family awhile Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kermit Paulette, Miss Barbara Sims and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson spent Sunday in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ranson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and family, of Stuart, spent a few days here last week with relatives and friends.

S'g't. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox and Anita arrived here Friday to spend awhile with her mother, Mrs. M. H. Marks and others before leaving for Panama in June.

Harry Ranson was on the sick list Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Ranson is still under the doctor's care. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Pamplin

Pamplin, May 27.- Mrs. W. D. Ligon, of Mississippi is visiting her father, Mr. W. R. Brightwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser and daughter, Sharon, of Lynchburg visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Beckelheimer, of Fayetteville, W. Va., visited Miss Kate Franklin Monday.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton were Mrs. Ed Holly and son, Alton, of Callands; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Suits, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Davis, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Dottie Tuck, of Lynchburg.

J. W. Brightwell, of Christiansburg visited his father, W. R. Brightwell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Williams and children, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Lynchburg were week-end visitors of relatives here.

Miss Kate Franklin and Mrs. S. M. Farrar were guests at a D. A. R. luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. N. Spencer at Appomattox last Thursday.

The P.-T. A. of Pamplin Elementary school held its final meeting of the school year Monday night at the school auditorium.

Some plans were made for school improvement during the 1958-59 session.

Every Dog Has His Day

Klamath Falls, Ore.- A substitute mailman says he was bitten by a mailman's dog.

The substitute said the dog bit him as he tried to deliver a letter to the home of the man for whom he was working.

Beckham

Beckham, May 27.- Mr. and Mrs. Thos. T. Martin, Terrell and Joan were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mays visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Campbell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. M. Martin, Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. Abner Grow visited Mrs. Estelle Grow in Madison Heights and Mr. Virgil Grow in St. Johns Nursing Home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mays, of Forest were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. T. H. Burge and family. Mr. James Ryan was also a guest in this home.

The Trinity Home Demonstration meeting was held with Mrs. Milton Moore on Monday, with good attendance.

Mrs. Hal Moore visited Mrs. Louis Moore on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin announce the birth of a girl at Virginia Baptist Hospital May 18.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin, Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronald Kent and Carolyn Jo visited Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin and Don in Lynchburg on Sunday evening.

The Rev. Aaron Smith preached a fine sermon at Trinity Church on Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moore.

We have been notified of the death of Mrs. Alice Gow. We extend sympathy to the family.

Miss Rachel Martin was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Saturday night. She plans to be married in June.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members at the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. How many times should I use DDT along with the regular fermate treatments to control flies and flea beetles in the flue-cured tobacco pant bed?

A. Use DDT with the first and second fermate treatment, and then dust or spray thoroughly with DDT just before pulling the plants and transplanting them to the field.

Q. How much good does a hay conditioner do?

A. Farmers who use hay conditioners usually like them. Generally, the use of conditioners will make you to decrease curing time by several hours, and this can be very important in certain weather.

Q. Should I spray alfalfa for weevil before cutting, or wait and spray the stubble after cutting?

A. It is better to spray the alfalfa before the first cutting, and wait about seven days before cutting.

Q. Should I take my cows out of the field when using 2,4-D or 2,4-5-T for weed control?

A. Yes, remove the animals from the treated area for one or two weeks at most. The only danger lies in eating freshly treated plants.

Q. What preservative should I use on my silage?

A. One of several materials can be used. Sodium metabisulfite is one of the best. It preserves the green color and improves the odor considerably. Some feed value is added if you use some feed stuff such as molasses or citrus pulp.

Q. How long does the adult alfalfa weevil live?

A. Most of them live through the winter as adults.

Q. Is it too late to seed lawns this spring?

A. Spring seedings of lawns in Virginia should be made in March. Fall seedings do better, anyway.

Wait until late August or early September.

Q. How late should I plant corn?

A. In your area, most likely, the medium-early maturity varieties could be planted up to June 1 with a fair chance of success. After June 1, earlier-maturing corns will have to be planted.

Q. Should I replant my cotton if I have 50% of a stand?

A. No. It is too late now.

Q. Is it too late to so woats?

A. Yes, it is too late to sow oats. The next recommended dates will be for winter oats, four weeks ahead of the average date of the first killing frost in your area.

Q. Why won't perennial rye grass live more than one year?

A. A stand of perennial rye grass usually begins to thin after one year because of competition from other plants and diseases. However, Italian rye grass is the annual rye grass which actually lives just one year.

Homemakers Items

This is a good time to make a prolonged raid on the food stored in your freezer or freezer locker, advise Extension economists.

Food does not improve with storage. It loses texture, flavor, and food value with age. So, if you've scarcely made a dent in your supply, now's the time to get started in earnest before the new freezing season gets underway.

One way to speed up the use of your present food stores is to take an inventory of what's on hand. Then group your foods into menu patterns.

If this year you are planning to freeze vegetables, meats, baked products, and combination dishes for the first time, you can get some valuable guides from your county agent. Ask for the bulletins on home freezing.

Things are really going to the dogs nowadays. Anyway, that's the way it looks according to a recent report which discloses the fact that animal loving Americans spent $175,000,000 feeding their pets in 1956. This is exactly the same amount that went into grocery cash drawers for baby food.

As you plant your garden this year, consider a small herb garden. Specialists in herb cookery say herbs lose much of their flavor in a year's time. It's best to grow your own fresh herbs, dry them, and discard last year's supply. As a guide for growing and using herbs, ask your county agent for Circular 761, "Culinary Herbs."

Donates Life Savings

Stuttgart, Ark.- Garry Alan Johnston, 4-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen of Stuttgart, was so impressed by March of Dimes publicity that he donated his life's savings of $3.05 to the Polio fund.

He said he wanted to give the money "so other little boys and girls can run and play like I do."

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